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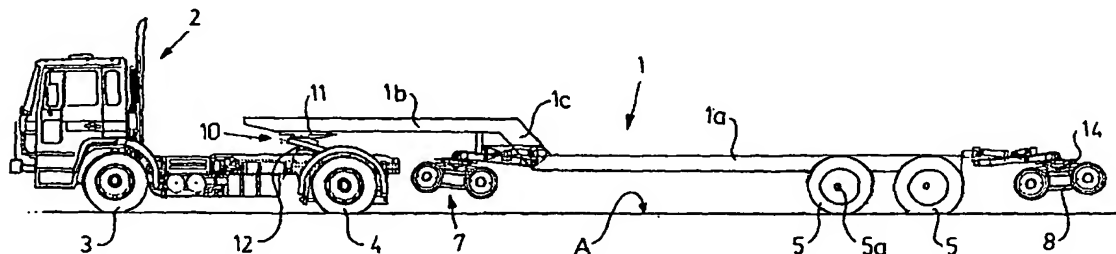
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(54) Title: A VEHICLE ADAPTED FOR DIFFERENT DRIVING MODES, AND A METHOD OF DRIVING SUCH VEHICLES



(57) Abstract: A semitrailer (1) includes a road wheel (5) and is coupled to a traction vehicle (2) via a pivotal axle, e.g. of the "turntable"/"kingpin" type. To enable the semitrailer to be driven along a railroad track, the semitrailer is provided with a rail-wheel unit (8) behind the road wheels (5) and with a front rail-wheel unit (7) behind the articulatory axle (10). When the semitrailer is driven on a road surface, both of said rail-wheel units are lifted away from said surface, but can be lowered in turn onto a railroad track so as to lift the road wheels (5) away and to enable the trailer to be disconnected from the traction vehicle so that the semitrailer, disconnected from the traction vehicle, can be driven along the rails of a railroad track. One of the rail-wheel units (7, 8) may be provided with drive means for driving the semitrailer along the rails of a railroad track. Alternatively, the semitrailer can be coupled to a drive vehicle for this purpose. Several semitrailers may be coupled together to form a "train". The present invention also relates to a method of converting the semitrailer from a road-driving mode to a railroad-driving mode.

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